

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a method for enhancing an
immune response in a mammal to facilitate the elimination of a
chronic pathology. The method involves the removal of immune
system inhibitors from the circulation of the mammal, thus,
enabling a more vigorous immune response to the pathogenic agent.
The removal of immune system inhibitors is accomplished by
contacting biological fluids of a mammal with one or more binding
partner(s) capable of binding to and, thus, depleting the targeted
immune system inhibitor(s) from the biological fluids.
Particularly useful in the invention is an absorbent matrix
composed of an inert, biocompatible substrate joined covalently to
a binding partner, such as an antibody, capable of specifically
binding to the targeted immune system inhibitor.